

§ 50.4 Determination of existence of or exposure to tuberculosis.

(a) Cattle, bison, and cervids are classified as affected with tuberculosis on the basis of an intradermal tuberculin test applied by a Federal, State, or an accredited veterinarian or by other diagnostic procedure approved in advance by the Administrator.

(b) Cattle, bison, and cervids are classified as exposed to tuberculosis when such cattle, bison, and cervids (1) are part of a known infected herd, or (2) are found to have moved from an infected herd before the time infection was disclosed in such herd and after the time such herd had apparently become infected, or (3) are found to have been exposed by virtue of nursing a reactor dam: *Provided*, That cattle, bison, and cervids classified as exposed to tuberculosis shall be removed direct to slaughter.

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§ 50.5 Record of tests.

When any cattle, bison, or cervid in a herd is classified by an APHIS or State representative or accredited veterinarian as a reactor to a test for tuberculosis, a complete test record shall be made for such herd, including the reactor tag number of each reacting animal and the registration name and number of each reacting registered animal. VS Form 6-22 or an equivalent State form shall be used for the record of any herd having any reactor to a tuberculin test. A copy of the applicable test record shall be given to the owner of any such herd, and one copy of each such record shall be furnished to the appropriate State veterinarian's office.

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§ 50.6 Identification of animals to be destroyed because of tuberculosis.

Cattle, bison, cervids, or swine to be destroyed because of tuberculosis must be identified within 15 days after being classified as reactors or otherwise condemned because of tuberculosis, except that the appropriate Veterinarian in Charge, for reasons satisfactory to

him, may extend the time limit for identification to 30 days when a request for such extension is received by him prior to the expiration date of the original 15-day period allowed, and the Administrator may extend the time limit for identification beyond 30 days, upon request in specific cases and for reasons satisfactory to him.

(a) *Reactor cattle and bison.* Reactor cattle and bison shall be identified by branding the letter "T," at least 5 by 5 centimeters (2 by 2 inches) in size, high on the left hip near the tailhead and by attaching to the left ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number and the inscription "U.S. Reactor", or a similar State reactor tag. Reactor cattle and bison may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are permanently identified by the letters "TB" tattooed legibly in the left ear, they are sprayed on the left ear with yellow paint, and they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

(b) *Exposed cattle and bison.* Exposed cattle and bison shall be identified by branding the letter "S," at least 5 by 5 centimeters (2 by 2 inches) in size, high on the left hip near the tailhead and by attaching to either ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number. Exposed cattle and bison may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

(c) *Exposed swine.* Swine destroyed under the provisions of § 50.3(d) shall be identified by tagging with a serially numbered metal eartag attached to either ear. All such animals to be destroyed shall be transported to the place of destruction in vehicles closed with seals provided by APHIS or shall

be accompanied to the place of destruction by an APHIS or State representative: *Provided, however*, That animals destroyed and disposed of under the direct supervision of an APHIS or State representative on the premises where they were exposed do not require individual identification.

(d) *Reactor cervids*. Reactor cervids shall be identified by branding the letter “T” high on the left hip near the tailhead and at least 5 by 5 centimeters (2 by 2 inches) in size and by attaching to the left ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number and the inscription “U.S. Reactor”, or a similar State reactor tag. Reactor cervids may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are permanently identified by the letters “TB” tattooed legibly on the left ear, they are sprayed on the left ear with yellow paint, and they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

(e) *Exposed cervids*. Exposed cervids shall be identified by branding the letter “S” high on the left hip near the tailhead and at least 5 by 5 centimeters (2 by 2 inches) in size and by attaching to either ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number. Exposed cervids may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

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§ 50.7 Destruction of animals.

(a) *Slaughter or disposal*. Cattle, bison, cervids, or swine to be destroyed be-

cause of tuberculosis must be shipped direct to slaughter under permit to a Federal or State inspected slaughtering establishment or be disposed of by rendering, burial, or incinerating in an approved manner under supervision of an APHIS or State employee.

(b) *Time limit for destruction of animals*. Cattle, bison, cervids, or swine for which Federal indemnity may be paid because of tuberculosis must be destroyed and carcass disposal completed within 15 days after the date of appraisal, except that the appropriate Veterinarian in Charge, for reasons satisfactory to him, may extend the time limit for slaughter to 30 days when request for such extension is received by him prior to the expiration of the original 15-day period allowed, and the Administrator may extend the time limit for slaughter beyond 30 days, upon request in specific cases and for reasons satisfactory to him.

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§ 50.8 Payment of expenses for transporting and disposing of affected and exposed animals.

The Department may pay, when approved in advance in writing by the Veterinarian in Charge, one half the expenses of transporting affected or exposed cattle, bison, and cervids to slaughter or to the point where disposal will take place, and one half the expenses of destroying, burying, incinerating, rendering, or otherwise disposing of affected or exposed cattle, bison, and cervids; *Provided that*, the Department may pay more than one-half of the expenses when the Administrator determines that doing so will contribute to the tuberculosis eradication program. For reimbursement to be made, the owner of the animals must present the Veterinarian in Charge with a copy of either a receipt for expenses paid or a bill for services rendered. Any bill for services rendered by the owner must not be greater than the normal fee for